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November 29, 2006

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also enclosed, together with the foreign official communication, issued in a foreign counterpart application, citing the non-English documents.

For the concise explanation of relevance of non-English documents JPA 2002-163597 and JPA 11-3330, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the respective partial English translations submitted herewith

Also, for the concise explanation of relevance of non-English document JPA 2000-112810, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract attached thereto.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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